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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. N2012-1/51

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Mail Processing Network Rationalization Service Changes, 2012

Docket No. N2012-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING CONCERNING SCHEDULING OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESSES FOR HEARING

(Issued May 1, 2012)

The hearing to enter updates to testimony of Postal Service witnesses into the record is scheduled for May 9-10, 2012. All witnesses are scheduled to appear, enter testimony, and be subject to oral cross-examination on May 9, 2012, in the order indicated below. May 10, 2012 is reserved to complete any unfinished business from the previous day's hearing. Intervenors are reminded that the intent of this hearing is to focus oral cross-examination on the updated testimony. Oral cross-examination also may be allowed directed towards late filed responses to discovery.

- Dominic L. Bratta (USPS-ST-1)
- Cheryl D. Martin (USPS-ST-2)
- Marc A. Smith (USPS-ST-3)
- Michael D. Bradley (USPS-ST-4)
- Frank Neri (USPS-ST-5)

¹ Order No. 1301, Order Concerning Scheduling of Updated Postal Service Testimony, March 29, 2012.

Notices of intent to conduct oral cross-examination are due May 4, 2012. An estimate of the amount of oral cross-examination (light, moderate, or heavy) shall be included with each notice. The appearance schedule may be modified subject to review of the notices.

For some witnesses, there may be no indication of an intent to conduct oral cross-examination. However, all witnesses are expected to appear to facilitate entering testimony in case unforeseen problems arise.

Some material has been filed under seal in this proceeding. To the maximum extent feasible, hearings will be open to the public. Counsel should attempt to formulate oral cross-examination questions such that the hearing may remain open to the public. If this is not possible, a closed session will be convened at the end of each hearing day. Please indicate in the notice of intent to conduct oral cross-examination, by witness, any need to conduct a closed session of the hearing.

RULING

The scheduling of witnesses is established as appearing in the body of this Ruling. Be advised that procedural direction for the hearing is also provided.

Ruth Y. Goldway Presiding Officer